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**Sent:** 5/25/2021 6:03:35 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: PFAS in pet products - Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting/USA Today

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Thanks, Kerry and Marietta.

The press inquiry calls for our confirming (if true) that PFAS are not a known ingredient or additive in either company's (Elanco and Boehringer Ingelheim) affected products.

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Please advise.

Dian

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Hi Dian—see FAQ #1 here: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/pfas-packaging>

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Thanks, Marietta! We'll use that language.

Dian

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**From:** Echeverria, Marietta <Echeverria.Marietta@epa.gov>  
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**Cc:** Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>; Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>  
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**Importance:** High

Has anyone been able to look at this draft response? I need to move it forward in the review chain. Sorry deadlines are always so tight!

Dian

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**From:** Overbey, Dian

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 11:11 AM

**To:** Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>; Echeverria, Marietta <Echeverria.Marietta@epa.gov>; Rosenblatt, Daniel <Rosenblatt.Dan@epa.gov>; Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: PFAS in pet products - Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting/USA Today

**Importance:** High

Hi All,

Here's what I put together, as requested this morning in the RD staff meeting, as the draft proposed response about PFAS in Frontline pet insecticides:

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Please review, edit, and get back to me as soon as you can, because OCSPP is asking for the response.

Thanks!

Dian

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**From:** Overbey, Dian

**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 11:12 AM

**To:** Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: PFAS in pet products - Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting/USA Today

**Importance:** High

Hi Kerry,

Can you please confirm that there are no PFAS inerts in Seresto and Frontline?

Thanks,  
Dian

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**From:** Overbey, Dian

**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2021 2:59 PM

**To:** Saunders, Jennifer <Saunders.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Herrick, Jacquelyn <Herrick.Jacquelyn@epa.gov>; Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: PFAS in pet products - Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting/USA Today

**Importance:** High

Hi All.

Johnathan Hettinger, reporter with the Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting who broke the Seresto story, sent this email and lab report about PFAS found in Seresto collars and Frontline spot-ons.

I'm pretty sure no active or inert PFAS are included in the CSF. Kerry had checked last year and there were no PFAS in any currently registered products.

I just need confirmation from you that that is the case.

Thanks,  
Dian

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**From:** Ozmen, Shamus <[Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov](mailto:Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov)>

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**Importance:** High

Hi Dian and Rhina,

Let's work together on this since it is PFAS and pet collars. I sent OPP IO a heads up this is coming to them next week.

Rhina – We have lots of PFAS content so can you start a shared file and we can add language from pet statement.

Dian - Ideally SMEs can confirm there is no PFAS in product formulation and we add it into the response?

Thanks,  
Shamus

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Hi Cheryl,

I'm hoping that you'll be able to assist with this inquiry. A general response is probably most appropriate, but please let me know your thoughts.

Deadline is next week.

-Andrea-

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Robert and Ken,

I'm a reporter for the Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting, a nonprofit newsroom focusing on agribusiness and pesticides. Recently, I've been working on a series of stories about flea and tick collars for pets that have been co-published by USA Today, including about the Seresto collar.

I recently received a testing report from Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, who tested Seresto collars and Frontline topical treatments for pets, and found high levels of PFAS in both products. That report is attached.

I was wondering:

- Is the EPA aware of PFAS in these products?
- Does EPA have concerns about PFAS in pet products?
- Could the products be contributing to any adverse incidents?
- What risks do PFAS pose to human health? Pet health?

PEER recommended I talk with Kimberly Nesci, who they said they've worked with on the issue.

Would Kimberly or someone else have some time to talk? And would EPA be able to answer these questions?

My deadline is the end of next week.

Thanks,

Johnathan Hettinger

Investigative reporter

Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting

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